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**From:** Gabriel Eggen <mxeppen@yahoo.com>  
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**To:** FS-comments-pacificsouthwest-plumas  
**Subject:** Comments Granite Basin OHV Trail Development Project

*I, Gabriel Eggen, strongly support the Granite Basin OHV Trail Development Project (Project). The Granite Basin area has long been a very popular destination for off road motorcyclists and other OHV enthusiasts because it offers quality intermediate to expert single track trails and unpaved roads in an unusually beautiful natural environment. Simply put, it is a great area for OHV enthusiasts, including families.*

*I am the owner of a Local motorcycle dealership in Chico, CA and my livelihood, along with 13 employees and their families rely on recreation and OHV use in our area. Our trail systems have been diminishing as time goes on and I am worried about the future of this family oriented activity. Some of my best memories are on these trail systems with my family camping and riding.*

*The Project is needed due to the impact of the August 2010 Record of Decision for the Plumas National Forest Travel Management Plan, which greatly reduced riding opportunities in the Feather River District. Additionally, the more recent policy change by Sierra Pacific Industries (SPI) closed SPI lands to public access by motor vehicles, including some roads on SPI lands that are needed to access public lands.*

*The project will enhance recreational opportunities for OHV users by providing approximately 15 additional miles of carefully located, well planned, and sustainable singletrack trails suitable for intermediate riders. The Project will improve connectivity between trails by road reclassification and/or mixed use where appropriate. This will facilitate loop travel by off road motorcyclists and OHV enthusiasts who utilize quad, side by side, and other four-wheeled vehicles, by providing legal connecting routes.*

*I am pleased with the overall quality of the Project, and appreciate the numerous resource protection measures that will be included in project design and implementation. We commend Butte County, the Butte County Resource Conservation District, and the Plumas National Forest for their efforts to date for the Project.*

*Thank you,*

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